

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, before the first paragraph, insert the following centered headings:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**A. Field**

Page 1, before the second paragraph, insert the following centered heading:

**B. Related Art**

Page 1, before the fifth paragraph, insert the following centered heading:

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 6, after the fourth full paragraph, insert the following centered heading:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Page 7, before the first full paragraph, insert the following centered heading:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED**

**EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION**

Page 8, second full paragraph, please amend the paragraph as follows:

In the embodiment of Fig. 3, an object 50 to be secured is provided with a coding 51 according to another inventive coding system. The coding system of Fig. 3 [[5]] contains, besides the above-described, difficult-to-imitate luminescent basic substance 14, two pairs of mutually associated luminescent additives 52, 53 and 54, 55 which, after excitation, show emissions in the infrared spectral range between 1000 and 1500 nm, and whose emission spectra overlap complementarily in paired fashion in a particular subrange of said spectral range, as described more closely hereinafter.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend the Abstract as follows: